



## MEDIA INFORMATION

## AWARDS

Each year, Voyages Indigenous Tourism Australia prepares submissions and enters Ayers Rock Resort into various awards in order to acknowledge the unique property that strives for excellence in every area of operation.

### Australian Tourism Awards

In February 2017, Voyages Ayers Rock Resort was awarded the Qantas Australian Tourism Award 2016 for Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Tourism for the third year in a row, gaining entry into the coveted Australian Tourism Awards Hall of Fame.

The Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Tourism Award highlights tourism operations that demonstrate authenticity and integrity in fostering a greater understanding of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture, history and traditions. Ayers Rock Resort was recognised for its significant achievements in Indigenous Tourism, including a daily suite of free Indigenous cultural bush yarns, garden walks, dance and theatre performances and more. The Resort has also made significant achievements that include advances in Indigenous training and development through its National Indigenous Training Academy as well as employment of Indigenous staff members.

Previous achievements at the Australian Tourism Awards include:

#### 2015

Gold Award for Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Tourism      Ayers Rock Resort

#### 2014

Gold Award for *Indigenous Tourism*      Ayers Rock Resort  
Silver Award for *Business Tourism*      Uluru Meeting Place

#### 2013

Gold Award for *Business Tourism*      Uluru Meeting Place  
Bronze Award for *Luxury Accommodation*      Sails in the Desert  
Silver Award for *Indigenous Tourism*      Ayers Rock Resort

### Brolga Awards

At the 2016 Brolga Northern Territory Tourism Awards, Ayers Rock Resort received the Qantas Award for *Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Tourism* for the fourth consecutive year. The Brolga was awarded for the significant achievements made by Voyages in Indigenous employment, training and development, as well Ayers Rock Resort's wide range of authentic Indigenous guest experiences.

Other achievements for Voyages at the Brolga Northern Territory Awards include:



2015

*Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Tourism*

Ayers Rock Resort

2014

*Indigenous Tourism*

*Business Tourism*

Ayers Rock Resort

Uluru Meeting Place

2013

*Indigenous Tourism*

*Luxury Accommodation*

*Business Tourism*

Ayers Rock Resort

Sails in the Desert

Uluru Meeting Place

**HM Awards**

At the 2018 HM Awards, which celebrate the Australasian accommodation industry's highest achievers, Voyages was recognised in the following categories:

*Meetings & Conferencing Property (Joint Winner)*

Ayers Rock Resort

*Resort (Highly Commended)*

Ayers Rock Resort

Other achievements for Voyages at the HM Awards include:

2017

*Communications Associate (Winner)*

Voyages PR team

*Rising Star (Highly Commended)*

Chris Tannock

*MICE Property (Highly Commended)*

Uluru Meeting Place

*Resort (Highly Commended)*

Ayers Rock Resort

2016

*Environmental Program (Winner)*

Tjintu Solar Field,

Ayers Rock Resort

*Communications Associate (Winner)*

Karena Noble

*Hotel Engineer (Winner)*

Mark Mason

*Hotel Chef (Highly Commended)*

Vanessa Grace,

Sails in the Desert

*Australian General Manager (Highly Commended)*

Manfred Pieper

2015

*Upscale Hotel (Winner)*

Sails in the Desert

2014

*Best Budget Accommodation (Winner)*

Outback Pioneer Hotel

2013

*Best MICE Property (Winner)*

Uluru Meeting Place



### **Tourism Central Australia Awards**

2017

*Festivals & Events*  
*Young Achiever*

Field of Light Uluru  
Chris Tannock

2016

*Festivals & Events*  
*Large Tourism Operator*

Field of Light Uluru  
Ayers Rock Resort

2015

*Territory Taste Tourism Restaurants & Catering Services*

Tali Wiru

### **AHA National Awards for Excellence**

2016

*Outstanding Achievement in Training*

Ayers Rock Resort

### **Hospitality NT Aristocrat Technologies Awards for Excellence**

2019

*Service Excellence (Front of House)*

Donald Pearson

2017

*Hotel Chef*  
*Industry Rising Star*

Vanessa Grace  
Chris Tannock

2016

*Industry Rising Star of the Year*  
*Marketed Accommodation Hotel*  
*Training Initiative*

Ashlee Murphy  
Ayers Rock Resort  
National Indigenous Training  
Academy  
Emu Walk Apartments

*Redeveloped Accommodation Hotel*



**Australian Hotel Association (NT) Australian Liquor Marketers Gold Plate Awards**

**2018**

*Best Contemporary Restaurant*

Tali Wiru

*Best Tourism Themed Restaurant*

Tali Wiru

*Restaurant of the Year*

Tali Wiru

**2016**

*Best Tourism Themed Restaurant*

Night at Field of Light

**2015**

*Best Tourism Themed Restaurant*

Tali Wiru

**Media Architecture Biennale 2016**

Bruce Munro's Field of Light Uluru opened on 1 April 2016 to worldwide acclaim and was awarded *Spatial Media Art 2016* at the Media Architecture Biennale 2016 in Sydney.